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SUBJECT: QUITO ATMOSPHERE ON EVE OF ARRIVAL US FISHERIES TALKS TEAM

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1. SUMMARY: ATMOSPHERE IN QUITO AS REFLECTED IN LOCAL PRESS RECENT DAYS HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT CHARGED WITH RESPECT TO US AND TUNA BOAT CONTROVERSY. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT A US STATEMENT ON LICENSES (REF A) WOULD HELP DEFUSE SITUATION AND IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE FOR FORTHCOMING EXPLORATORY FISHERIES TALKS. WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP IN PUBLICLY SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT ON WEST COAST BOYCOTT OF ECUADOREAN GOODS, ASSUMED HERE TO BE AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT AND WHICH IS DRAWING PREDICTABLE UNFAVORABLE FRONT-PAGE ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.

2. QUITO ATMOSPHERE ON EVE OF ARRIVAL MESSRS. MOORE AND
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CLINGAN HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT CHARGED OVER TUNA BOAT

CONTROVERSY AND ITS VARIOUS SIDE EFFECTS. FRONT PAGES OF BOTH LEADING DAILIES, EL COMERCIO AND EL TIEMPO, FEATURED ON FEBRUARY 22 SPEECH DELIVERED DAY BEFORE BY ECUADOREAN CNO ADMIRAL VASQUEZ WHICH IS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF VARIOUS THREATS OF REPRISAL AGAINST ECUADOR FOR TUNA BOAT SEIZURES. VASQUEZ SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ECONOMIC THREATS (READ WEST COAST BOYCOTT AND SENATOR TUNNEY'S APPEAL TO CUT OFF ECUADOR'S FISH EXPORTS), APPEALS BY VARIOUS AMERICAN POLITICAL FIGURES SUCH AS CONGRESSMAN WILSON TO CUT OFF MILITARY AID AND CALLS BY US TUNA INDUSTRY REPS FOR USE OF FORCE TO DEFEND THEIR INTERESTS.

3. EL TIEMPO ALSO CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY PROMINENT COMMENTATOR BENJAMIN ORTIZ BRENNAN ANALYZING LIKELY IMPACT OF WEST COAST BOYCOTT ON ECUADOR'S TRADE WITH US.

4. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING DEVELOPMENTS AND LIKELIHOOD THAT RHETORIC OF CONFRONTATION IS LIKELY TO INTENSIFY AS LONG AS TALK OF SANCTIONS AND REPRISALS IS ALL THAT EMANATES FROM US, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT A USG STATEMENT ON OUR POLICY WITH RESPECT TO LICENSE PURCHASES BY US-FLAG BOATS WISHING TO FISH IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY TIMELY ON EVE OF USDEL ARRIVAL. IT WOULD CERTAINLY HELP ATMOSPHERE FOR PROSPECTIVE TALKS AND MIGHT ALSO AFFECT TENOR OF CURRENT NEWS COVERAGE.

5. WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT WE NOT RUB SAN DIEGO THE WRONG WAY, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN SOME OF ITS VESSELS ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY'S PROPOSED DRAFT STATEMENT SUBMITTED IN QUITO 1151 BE MODIFIED BY DELETING FINAL ONE AND ONE HALF SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH "AND IT HAS NOT BEEN". PROPOSED EMBASSY STATEMENT WOULD THEREFORE NOW READ:

6. BEGIN TEXT: IN VIEW OF A NUMBER OF ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED RECENTLY ON THE SUBJECT OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES BY UNITED STATES-FLAG FISHING VESSELS, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION. THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO PURCHASE OF LICENSES IS THAT THIS IS STRICTLY A MATTER FOR DECISION BY VESSEL OWNERS AND OPERATORS. END TEXT.

7. AS REGARDS BOYCOTT OF ECUADOREAN PRODUCTS AND UNIVERSAL ASSUMPTION HERE THAT IT IS IN EFFECT, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF WAY COULD BE FOUND TO PLACE SOME OF

THE VERY HELPFUL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF E ON PUBLIC
RECORD. PERHAPS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN COULD PUT THIS OUT IN RESPONSE TO SOME SUCH
QUESTION AS, "WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE REPORTED
BOYCOTT OF ECUADOREAN GOODS BY WEST COAST LONGSHOREMEN?"
ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE RE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONTAINED IN PARA 4, 5, 6 AND 7 ABOVE.
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